

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT
26 Federal Plaza, 6th floor Conference Room A
New York, New York 10278
July 14, 2005

Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing

Total attendance: 46 + 26 at afternoon roundtable

Congressional attendance 0

RegFair Board in attendance 1

SBA personnel 11

Agencies attending 08 (DOL/OSHA; USDA/FSIS; IRS; DOL/OSBP; DOL/Wage & Hour Div.; EEOC, District Export Council/US Dept of Commerce, EPA)

No. of comments 7

Small Business Organizations	Point of Contact	Membership
New York State Wide Coalition of Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Eduardo Giraldo	1,200
SBDC – Boricua College	Angel Roman	73
SCORE – NY	Martin Lehman	100
Wall Street Rising	Fernando Rojas	500
Chinese Chamber of Commerce	Chan Ming Chien	350
Ling Sing Association	Eddie Chiu	1,500
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Assoc.	Justin C. Yu	20,000
Myanmar Chinese Association of NY	William H. Su	2,000
Association of Minority Enterprises of NY	James Heyliger	10,000
NYC Department of Small Business Services	Emanuel Anosike	500,000
Total Represented		535,623

Summary:

Testifiers:

1. Kirk Ortega – President, Ortega Group

DOL: Testified on some problems he has had with the Department of labor. DOL alleges that a sub contractor he hired under a government contract had paid his laborers under minimum wages. As a result DOL is withholding close to 400,000 of his funds. As a result Ortega Group may be driven out of business.

2. Racine Berkow – President, Racine Berkow Associates

Customs and TSA/DHS: Her business has not been held to the same standard as Fed Ex by the US Customs causing her out of pocket losses. In the case of TSA, because of the strict interpretation of “Known shipper” by TSA, it has become prohibitively expensive for her to do business as a small company.

3. Lisa Dolan – President, d/b/a Securit

FAA: She was not considered for a contract because of FAA’s misinterpretation of “Teaming” as written in Subpart 9.6 of the CFR. She entered into a teaming agreement with another firm in order to bid on a contract. Contracting Officer said this was a joint venture when in reality it was “a teaming arrangement”.

4. Ethel Ugbebor – President, Universal Language Corp.

Customs/DHS: Unpaid outstanding bills by US customs hampering our ability to operate her business. Serious cash flow problems as a result of services rendered and not paid for.

5. Edurado Giraldo - Chairman, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

SBA: SBA should change size standard. Most small businesses have less than 10 employees yet the definition of a small business is one with 500 employees or less.

6. Edelmira Ruiz – d/b/a Edelmira Ruiz – Real Estate broker

Human Rights Commission: Unrelated issues with a number of state and city agencies – Ombudsman asked her to leave the podium.

7. Maritza Polanko - President, Creative Service Inc.

GSA: Complained that she was being denied GSA contracts because of the size of her business that consists of one employee.